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SUBJECT: MANGROPE STRONGLY RESTATES TSWANA DEMANDS

1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW WITH RAND DAILY MAIL CARRIED BY PAPER JULY 12 BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE REITERATED HIS DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL TERRITORY, PUT R 240 MILLION PRICE TAG ON EARLIER DEMAND THAT SAG COMPENSATE TSWANAS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SA ECONOMY, ANNOUNCED THAT HE PLANNED TO ARRANGE AN EARLY SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF HOMELAND LEADERS TO DISCUSS COORDINATED APPROACH TO COMMON PROBLEMS, WARNED WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT UNLESS THEY BEGAN TO CHAMPION CHANGE MILITANT ATTITUDE OF YOUNG BLACKS WOULD SPELL DANGER FOR WHITES AND FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE, AND PREDICTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A ONE MAN ONE VOTE SOCIETY.

2. BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE, IN INTERVIEW CARRIED BY JULY 12 RAND DAILY MAIL, STATED HIS HOMELAND WANTS R240 MILLION FROM SAG AS COMPENSATION FOR TSWANA PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS MONEY, WHICH WAS OWING TO HOMELAND BECAUSE TSWANA WORKERS HAD NEVER BEEN PROPERLY PAID FOR THEIR LABOR OWING TO DISCRIMINATORY WAGE

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STRUCTURE, SHOULD BE PAID BY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS OF ABOUT R 12

MILLION A YEAR OVER 20-YEAR PERIOD, AND SHOULD BE IN ADDITION TO PRESENT SAG ALLOCATIONS WHICH ONLY COVERED HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. AMOUNT, WHICH HE STATED WAS NEGOTIABLE, WOULD BE DECIDED ON UNDER A TREATY BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS; ITS USE WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY TSWANAS. COMMENT: MANGOPE ADVANCED NOVEL COMPENSATION CONCEPT IN PRIVATE TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS LATE LAST YEAR (DURBAN 475, JOHANNESBURG 738) AND ENUNCIATED IT PUBLICLY A FEW MONTHS AGO. THIS IS FIRST TIME HE HAS SPELLED OUT COMPENSATION DEMAND IN SPECIFIC COST TERMS.

3. MANGOPE REPEATED HIS EARLIER DECLARATIONS THAT WITHOUT PROPER COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT EQUITABLE LANDCONSOLIDATION SETTLEMENT BOPHUTHATSWANA COULD NOT ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE. HE REITERATED HOMELAND'S TERRITORIAL DEMANDS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SINGLE ENLARGED UNIT EMBRACING SEVERAL WHITE TOWN (JOHANNESBURG 310, A-32).

4. MANGOPE REVEALED THAT HE PLANNED IN NEAR FUTURE TO START ARRANGING A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF ALL HOMELAND LEADERS AT WHICH THEY WOULD DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS AND SEEK TO WORK OUT COORDINATED APPROACHES TO DEAL WITH THEM. NEED FOR COMPENSATION ALONG LINES DEMANDED BY BOPHUTHATSWANA WOULD BE ONE OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. MANGOPE STATED HE HAD ALREADY HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CONFERENCE WITH LEBOWA AND GAZANKULU CHIEF MINISTERS PHATUDI AND NTSANWISI, WHO HAD AGREED THAT HE SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING OTHER HOMELAND LEADERS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE CONFERENCE COULD TAKE PLACE BY SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND SUGGESTED TRANSKEI CAPITAL UMTATA AS VENUE IF CHIEF MATANZIMA AGREED.

5. MANGOPE ALSO WARNED THAT UNLESS SA WHITES BEGAN TO CHAMPION CHANGE, MILITANT ATTITUDE OF YOUNG BLACKS WOULD SPELL DANGER NOT ONLY FOR WHITES BUT FOR FUTURE OF SA AS WHOLE AND PREDICTED THAT SA WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A ONE MAN ONE VOTE SOCIETY.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MANGOPE MADE ABOVE DEMANDS AND PLANS KNOWN PRIOR TO HIS RECENT US-SOUTH AFRICA LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM -- SPONSORED VISIT TO THE UNITES STATES SAG IS LIKELY TO SEE HAND OF USG BEHIND THIS STRONG OUTSPOKEN DECLARATION. FOLLOWING EARLIER RETURN OF GAZANKULU CHIEF MINISTER NTSANWISI FROM US TRIP, SAG'S TRANSVAAL MOUTHPIECE, DIE TRANSVALER, PUBLISHED TWO EDITORIALS CRITICIZING HOMELAND LEADERS FOR MAKING "IRRESPONSIBLE," "UNJUST" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAND DEMANDS FOLLOWING TRIPS ABORAD, AND SPECIFICALLY ACCUSED STATE DEPARTMENT OF INCITING SUCH STATEMENTS (JOHANNESBURG 379, 400).

7. JULY 13 RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER OF BANTU DEVELOPMENT RAUBENHEIMER, WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON MANGOPE INTERVIEW, STATED HE CONSIDERED IT USELESS TO DISCUSS CLAIMS MADE BY HOMELAND LEADERS TO PRESS. CLAIMS WOULD BE CONSIDERED

ONLY IF MANGOPE RAISED THEM WITH HIM OR MINISTER PERSONALLY.

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